Sale of platform tickets through machines

3235. SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM:
PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is considering any proposal to install machines at railway stations to sell platform tickets; and

(b) if so, how many railway stations have been identified for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) At present, platform tickets are being issued through the following modes:

(i) Manually

(ii) Self Printing Ticket Machines installed at various locations.

(iii) Smart Card based vending machines in Mumbai area.

(iv) Unreserved Ticketing System in Delhi area.

In addition, expression of interest have been called for development and manufacturing of coin operated ticket vending machines. The feasibility of installation of these machines at various stations will be considered after evaluation of technical and financial aspects.

Late running of Kalindi Express

3236. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kalindi Express from Delhi reaches its destination invariably late, and the commuters miss the connecting train to Kanpur; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.